



Wright Brothers First In Flight

The first successful powered flight on the morning of December 17, 1903, lasted only 12 seconds and spanned approximately 120 feet; but the Wright brothers' ideas and design led to countless advances in aviation. Between 1899 and 1905, they constructed a total of seven aircraft, and through this extensive research and experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright established the foundation of modern aeronautics.

Wright Brothers Day, 2002

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Websites You May Want to Visit

First to Fly

www.first-to-fly.com

Wright Again

<http://wings.avkids.com/Book/Wright/start.html>

How Stuff Works - Airplanes

<http://travel.howstuffworks.com/airplane.htm>

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Books about the Wright Brothers

The First Flight: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Richard L. Taylor

Describes how the Wright brothers developed the first airplane and places their achievement in the context of the aeronautic technology of the time.

First Flight : The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers story by George Shea; pictures by Don Bolognese

A twelve-year-old boy named Tom Tate meets Orville and Wilbur Wright and witnesses the invention of the airplane in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.

On Great White Wings: The Wright Brothers and the Race for Flight by Fred E.C. Culik and Spencer Dunmore

Featuring archival photographs by Orville and Wilbur Wright and contemporary photographs by Peter Christopher and Dan Patterson



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One Fine Day: A Radio Play by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk; illustrated by Bill Farnsworth
In the form of a radio play, portrays the Wright Brothers' first successful flight.

Books about other Aviators

American Women of Flight: Pilots and Pioneers by Henry M. Holden

Ten biographies of women aviators, including: Harriet Quimby, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart, Jacqueline Cochran, Betty Skelton Frankman, Bonnie Tiburzi, Nelda Lee, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Colonel Eileen Collins, and Martha King

Aviators by Robert A. Rosenbaum

Profiles the lives and achievements of nine pioneers in American aviation, including: the Wright brothers, Glenn Curtiss, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and Chuck Yeager

The First Flight Across the United States: The Story of Calbraith Perry Rodgers and his Airplane, the Vin Fiz by Richard L. Taylor

A biography of the pioneering aviator, trained by the Wright brothers, who completed the first flight across the United States in 1911

The First Solo Flight Around the World: The Story of Wiley Post and his Airplane, the Winnie Mae by Richard L. Taylor

Covers the life of American pilot Wiley Post and his record-setting solo flight around the world in 1933

Other Aviators You May Want to Study:

Richard Byrd

Francis Gary Powers

Amelia Earhart

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The Red Baron

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